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6. (Amended) The host processing device as set forth in claim 3 [or 5], wherein the first file information of the media file includes descriptor information of the media file.

7. (Amended) The host processing device as set forth in claim 4 [or 5], wherein, while the data of the selected media file provided to the signal processing module are decoded, the processing module performs a media file preloading process in a background fashion with respect to the decoding process for the selected media file, the media file preloading process comprising the steps of:

determining a media file to be processed after the selected media file;

searching for the determined media file on the external storage medium based upon the first file information positioned on the system memory module; and

loading data of the searched media file onto the system memory module.

8. (Amended) The host processing device as set forth in claim 4 [or 5], wherein the medium access module is constructed to set an access mode thereof to an activated mode and a non-activated mode requiring low power consumption under a control of the processing module, and when the processing module accesses the external storage device, the processing module sets the access mode to the

activated mode before the access and the access mode to the non-activated mode after the access.

9. (Amended) The host processing device as set forth in claim 3 [or 5], wherein, when the processing module reads data of the media file stored in the external storage medium, the processing module determines whether the media file has been secured through a security measure, if the media file has not been secured, searches for the data of the media file on the external storage medium according to a known file search method, and, if the media file has been secured, obtains a first value regarding a physical location of the media file on the external storage medium from the second file information of the media file, obtains a second value corresponding to the first value according to a second transformation rule in which an inverse function F^{-1} with respect to a function F corresponding to a first transformation rule, which is used to secure the media file, exists, and searches for the data of the media file on the external storage medium based upon the second value.

11. (Amended) The host processing device as set forth in claim 3 [or 5], further comprising an information sourcing module for sourcing a signal,

wherein the signal processing module further performs a process of encoding the input signal into media data according to a certain second signal processing method,

wherein, when the processing module receives an encoding command, the processing module transmits the signal provided from the information sourcing module to the signal processing module to be encoded into media data according to the second signal processing method, constructs a media file from the encoded media data and positions the media file on the system memory module, and copies the constructed media file to the external storage medium through the medium access module if the external storage medium can be accessed through the medium access module.

14. (Amended) The host processing device as set forth in claim 3 [or 5], wherein the digital transmission medium is a known USB medium, and the medium access module connects with the external storage medium through the USB medium and operates in a known host mode.

15. (Amended) The host processing device as set forth in claim 3 [or 5], wherein the digital transmission medium is a known IEEE1394 medium, and the medium access module connects with the external storage medium through the IEEE1394 medium and operates in known Serial Bus Protocol 2 initiator mode.

16. (Amended) The host processing device as set forth in claim 3 [or 5], wherein the external storage medium includes an independent external storage device.

17. (Amended) The host processing device as set forth in claim 3 [or 5], wherein the external storage medium includes a non-volatile memory module embedded in a mobile communication device, and the host processing module connects with the mobile communication device through the medium access module and accesses the memory module.

18. (Amended)The host processing device as set forth in claim 3 [or 5], wherein the external storage medium includes a recording medium being read in a recording medium reading device, and the host processing module connects with the recording medium reading device through the medium access module and accesses the recording medium being read in the recording medium reading device.

19. (Amended) The host processing device as set forth in claim 3 [or 5], further including user interface means for providing an interface to a user of the host processing device in an integral fashion,

wherein the digital transmission medium is formed of a cable, and the host processing device and the external storage medium are connected to each other through the cable.